advising on such matters arising out of the administration of the Companies Act, 1956, as may be referred to it by the Government.

Filing of returns by MNCs

3042. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Company Affairs has decided against exempting MNCs from filing returns on their overseas subsidiaries;

(b) whether this move is prompted by reports that MNCs are suspected to be parking/siphoning illegal funds abroad to avoid tax; and

(c) whether the MNCs have opposed Government's move and if so, the reasons advanced by them towards continuing the exemption?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Pending matrimonial cases in various courts

3043. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of long-pending matrimonial cases in various courts;

(b) if so, whether any proposal to set-up a family court in every district in the country is under consideration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) and (c) The Committee on Empowerment of Women in their Fifth Report on 'Functioning of Family Courts' has suggested setting up of Family Court in every district in the country. The Central